

May 24, 2010

Ms. Nora Kincaid
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Division of Management Systems
Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080
2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20212

RE: *Federal Register* notice of April 16, 2010, for the Bureau of Labor Statistics Form 9300,
Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (OMB Number: 1220-0045)

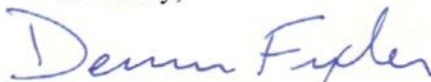
Dear Ms. Kincaid:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) supports the proposal of the Bureau of Labor Statistics to collect data on Form 9300 on injury and illness cases that require only days of job transfer or restriction. In addition, BEA strongly supports the continued collection of the other data reported on Form 9300. The data collected from this form are important elements in the derivation of major components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses data on occupational injuries and illnesses and days away from work to prepare estimates of employer contributions for workers' compensation by industry; a component of employer contributions for employee pension and insurance funds in national income. If available, the new data on days of job transfer or restriction would be used to derive improved estimates of workers' compensation made on behalf of the workers in different industries. A list of specific items currently used is described in the Attachment.

Please keep BEA informed concerning any modifications to this form. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the form's approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Ruth Bramblett, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9653 or by e-mail at Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Fixler
Chief Statistician

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ATTACHMENT

Current Use of BLS Form 9300 in Preparation of BEA's National Accounts

Items	Uses	NIPA Estimate
Number of days away from work by industry	Used to prepare estimates of employer contributions for workers' compensation by industry	Employer contributions for employee pension and insurance funds
Number of injuries and illnesses by industry		

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